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Dear Jonny,

The Daily Telegraph is investigating a series of allegations made by women in your party about Lord Rennard, your former chief executive, which we understand were brought to the personal attention of Nick Clegg.

We plan to publish an article in tomorrow's newspaper (Saturday May 1) detailing these allegations and are interested to know what action Mr Clegg took upon learning of them. We do not plan to identify Lord Rennard in our article.

The allegations include:

1. That at your September 2004 party conference in Bournemouth, Lord Rennard intimately groped a woman Lib Dem PPC, whose identity is known to us, while they posed for a group photograph.
2. That at a party "away day" in Peterborough in 2003 or 2004, Lord Rennard invited an intern to a Lib Dem MP, whose identity is known to us, to his room. After he propositioned her, she fled in tears into a large group including senior party officials.
3. That prior to the 2005 general election, two women PPCs, whose identities are known to us, were locked inside Lord Rennard's home following a dinner, and told to go upstairs, and released when one threatened to call the police.
4. That at a party held in December 2007 to celebrate Mr Clegg's leadership election victory, Lord Rennard again groped the PPC referred to in incident 1.

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